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- 25X1 1. The mercury mine in Idrija has three pits, which are known as Borba, Delo and Sakic. The depth of the mine extends to 390 meters, and contains fourteen galleries. The fifteenth is almost completed. Each gallery has from two to three passageways. Some 300 workers are employed in the mine. The mine is guarded by the Militia.
- 25X1 2. Mining equipment and tools are outdated and in poor condition. The nearby smeltery has three furnaces, one for coal, one for wood, and the third for gas.
3. A worker's monthly salary amounts to 4,000 dinars. There are no safeguards against exposure to the mercury, and thus the employees health is affected.

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